



Ship to Shore

CARING FOR SEAFARERS IN VICTORIAN PORTS SINCE 1857



CHAPLAINS OF THE MISSION - The first of a series Chaplain EBENEZER JAMES (b.1841 - d.1901)

By Ros Fletcher - Heritage Volunteer and the Heritage Team.

There is no doubt that Chaplain James with his fascinating background of blacksmithing, gold mining shareholder, member of the Wesleyan community and twice a jury foreman was a colourful and influential figure in the history of the Mission, setting up many service models that still influence the contemporary service offered today to seafarers.

It all began with the faded photo of a headstone engraved with an impressive tribute found by Jay Miller, our Heritage archivist. A few more facts emerged from Historical Societies and HMS Cerberus. The reputation of Chaplain James needed an image, and it was a reference in a scrap book page from 1901 to a memorial unveiling hinted at the existence of an image. The hunt was on! Ros Fletcher, and husband Ian, also an MTSV Board Member, firstly confirmed the 1901 headstone existed, and was found basically intact in the Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton.

Ros took up the search for the man by extensively researching the James family, from their origins in Cornwall through to their arrival and establishment in Ballarat. Using her expertise in online genealogical research she spent many hours fleshing out the story of the increasingly significant figure of Ebenezer James and his role at the Mission.

The appointment of Mr James in 1886 as temporary Chaplain, was found documented in a minute book. This initial role led in due course to a total of fifteen years of service with the Mission to Seamen until his sudden death in 1901.

Building on the foundational and inspirational work of the Reverend Kerr-Johnson and his wife, who founded the original Bethel building James or Eb as he was known locally, worked at the Port Melbourne Institute in Beach Road. By the mid 1890s this building had evolved from a wooden building to a '... handsome and commodious structure'. This "... gentleman with a fine presence" sought to further the aims of the Mission, and in its best tradition to actively improve both the physical and spiritual lot of the seafarer; be they trainees, leading hands, mates or masters. Chaplain James conscientiously worked for the betterment of all and actively strove to change the more common perceptions of sailors, popularly described as either "slaves or drunken brutes".

Ebenezer James seems to have had the knack of not only inspiring the support of significant figures of rank in the Community but also the energy to pursue the perpetrators of the "nefarious business of Crimping". The collusion of boarding-masters, shipping companies and other interested parties resulted in sailors being either shanghaied and or being abandoned or dismissed at the end of voyages, marooned with few resources in a strange country.

Port Melbourne was notorious amongst mariners in the 1880s for this practice. James, at some great personal risk took up the challenge against the Crimpers and their interests confronting the perpetrators on board the ship, exposing them to the unwitting sailors and with the help of authorities such as Customs Commissioners and foreign consuls succeeded in stamping out the practise of Crimping.

Chaplain James was not only up against the Crimpers he faced another challenge. A sailors perception of the religious. The 'Holy Joes', 'Sky

Pilots', 'Ranters', were all derogatory terms used by seafarers to describe some clergymen in seaports, often found to be colluding with ship captains or the boarding-masters, "seeking to exploit and profit from the humble Jack*".

Fortunately the efforts of the "...tall commanding figure with clear honest eyes..." was in the end appreciated, and described in one mariner's comment as being of "...the right stuff...no mere ranter!". It was perhaps due to these efforts and personal qualities that



Chairman's Message



We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us.

Most importantly our ship visitors, volunteers, staff, and the Chaplain Rev. Inni Punney are well underway in meeting and hosting record numbers of visiting seafarers to the Port of Melbourne- Australia's largest and busiest general port.

We seek new volunteers as our work grows and would be delighted to welcome you into our happy and diverse band. If you are interested in volunteering, especially if you are among our neighbours in Docklands, investigate the possibilities via our website <https://missiontoseafarers.com.au/what-we-do/work-with-us/volunteers/>

Our website also provides lots of information on what is happening at the Mission, on meeting seafarers' needs, and on the broader seafaring world in Melbourne and globally. It is worth exploring.

We are very grateful that, in the first half of 2018, the Victorian Government will commence restoration works on fabric of the building. As works are expected to start at the roof, passers-by will certainly see activity – we have a lot of roof! The building complex, an icon of Melbourne and an asset to the whole Victorian community as well as our home, deserves this attention.

Beyond shoring up the fabric, there is much to do in refurbishing the building so that it can be a home to the Melbourne Seafarers Centre – about which I expect to say more in the next edition of the newsletter – and so that it can be a place of welcome to all, and in particular better display Melbourne's maritime heritage.

We are pleased to be working with a diverse collection of Melbourne maritime heritage enthusiasts to make the Mission a centrepiece of a tourism-friendly heritage experience in Docklands, a precinct stretching from the restoration of

the *Alma Doepel*, *Enterprize* and *Steam Tug Wattle* in North Basin to the Polly Woodside on South Wharf.

We are also very happy to be working with the City of Melbourne and the Riverlee corporation in the development of Seafarers Rest park between us at the Yarra; we particularly appreciate that Riverlee corporation aims to make the most of proximity of iconic Mission complex in its Shed 5 development. Between them, this development and Seafarers Rest will revive our neighbourhood – and make your experience in visiting us better still.

I should also take this opportunity to welcome the Rev'd Yvonne Poon to the Board of the Mission to Seafarers. Yvonne was nominated by the Archbishop. She is Assistant Priest at St Matthias Anglican Church, North Richmond and among other big responsibilities, a Director of Anglican Overseas Aid and an Examining Chaplain. Yvonne adds much to our Board, not least adding to its diversity, having been born in Hong



Rev'd Yvonne Poon

Kong and educated in Canada. Melbourne can be justly proud as the most successful multicultural city in the world's most successful multicultural country. With the Rev'd Inni Punney as Chaplain, Bilal Ali Khan as Director and Board Secretary, and now the Rev'd Yvonne Poon joining us, our Board is beginning to reflect its community as it should.

Neil Edwards, Chairman

Sea Sunday - a tradition spanning over 160 years !

Sea Sunday is the global celebration of the enduring and vital work of the Mission to Seafarers.

It has been happening every year for over 160 years and is our biggest fundraising event of the year. **Sea Sunday** usually focuses on a church service and information is available with suggested readings, hymns, leaflets and fundraising envelopes.

Most services fall on 8 July 2018 but you can choose to host it whenever it suits!

You don't have to be a church group to celebrate **Sea Sunday** though – you can still order a pack and fundraise with your school, community group or family.

On **Sea Sunday**, you can become a powerhouse of prayer and fundraising for our work. Each year in July you can join with thousands of other Christians from Melbourne to Manila, London to Lagos, and Durban to Dunkerque who come together to pray, celebrate and fundraise for our vital work.

Contact Sue Dight, Chief Manager or Rev'd Inni Punney, Chaplain for more information.

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Sue Dight - Chief Manager



*Hello everyone,
I thought it was time
I introduced myself so
you get to know me.*

I started my working life in the hospitality industry as a chef and owner of several restaurants in Melbourne for fourteen years. After many successful ventures, injury inspired me to discover other industries.

Whilst based in London for a short stint, I organised conferences for the Australian Trade Commission along with trade exhibitions and stands. Upon returning to Australia, I took up the position of Exhibition Manager for Designex, the premier interior design event, then to Australian Exhibitions and Conferences as the Manager of fashion industry events for five years, successfully managing more than ten national exhibitions, including Fashion Exposed and Design:Made:Trade. During my time at AEC, I performed the role of Operations Director for State of Design Festival coordinating with designers, stakeholders and media.

Refocusing on my management company, established in 2004 run with my husband Glen, Touring Enterprises has provided event support to clients such as NAB, Pacific Brands, City of Glen Eira, and Victoria Government - Major Projects.

In 2010, I accepted the contract to manage Open House Melbourne, during which time oversaw all aspects of sponsorship, visitors, sales and marketing campaigns, organising more than nine hundred volunteers and liaising with leading industry and media stakeholders and overseeing the growth of the event to over one hundred open buildings across the city of Melbourne and surrounds. Time was also spent developing the organisation to the entity it is today.

Open House introduced me to the Mission to Seafarers and I spent a number of years working on the Annual Art Prize and exhibition. During my time at the Mission, especially since I took up the role of Chief Manager in October, I feel I have an in-depth insight into the Mission, its workings and its wonderful people. I bring to you a wealth of business experience to take the Mission into the future whilst honoring its past.

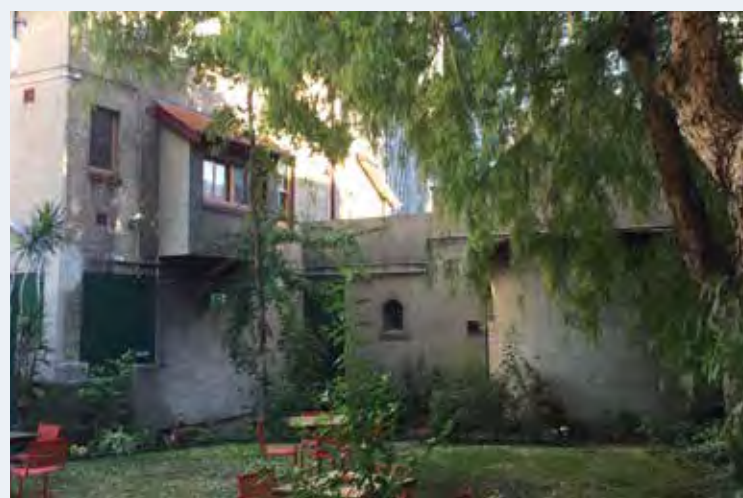
Thank you everyone for the warm welcome I have received, and feel free to contact me anytime.

*Sue
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Notes from the Garden

My name is Maureen Scoble and I am a retired nurse. I worked at the Royal Childrens Hospital in Paediatric Intensive Care for 30 years. I retired in July 2016. I have been a passionate gardener for 50 years (before you ask – I am 69!) and a member of the Open Garden Scheme.

Last August I came to the Mission to work in the garden. In a garden everyone has particular favourites but I hope you will enjoy the things I have chosen to plant. This year I have been watering twice a week over summer because everything is new. Next year most plants will get through summer without lots of water.



Next big job is to remove weed plants and trees, then to put a roof on the "wedding platform". Maybe grow roses over it? Please feel free to talk to me about my plantings, names of things you like and I can probably get you things you want to plant yourself.

March Update

Firstly I have to apologise to those of you who are missing the Privet tree. It is an environmental weed and had to go. I have also cleared out a lot of "junk" along the garden wall and it looks bare I know. Have faith! I promise I will make your garden beautiful. On a positive note, I think we found a citrus tree (? lemon) amongst the "junk". It currently is about 70cm high with only the beginning of leaves starting because it hasn't seen the sun for a very long time. Watch with me. It is very close to the wall and about 1metre to the left of the Privet stump.

PS: Look out for the new canopy over the garden platform.

Maureen

100 years and counting, a centenary and historical soundscapes

Speech delivered at the Centenary of 717 Flinders Street Building and Opening of *Sounding Histories*, presented on the 11th of Sept, 2017 by Chairman Neil Edwards.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Friends of the Mission, Artists and Curators, Board Colleagues, Fellow Volunteers and staff at MtSV.

I should like to begin by paying my respects to the Aboriginal custodians of this place on which we gather.

Welcome to the opening of Sounding Histories.

Imagine yourselves here in September 1917.

Before you, on the sparkling new stage, not a chap in casual clothes, but the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Sir David Valentine Hennessy, in frockcoat and high collar as Chairman for what is advertised as a “Public Meeting and Concert”.

Look around you.

This hall is freshly painted and brightly decorated.

Among the throng are the great and good of Melbourne society, predominantly Protestant and especially Anglican – with names like Fraser (a major donor and driver of its development), or Peacock, or Brooks perhaps.

Many would have been on hand, and made sure they were seen, when the Governor, Sir Arthur Stanley, had officially opened the building earlier this day.

All are in their finery: the ladies in layers of wool and lace and silk and fur, and wearing broad feathered hats; perhaps the most modern in 1917 with dresses showing their ankles.

The ladies of the Harbour Lights Guild take pride of place for their efforts at fundraising as well in hospitality to seafarers at picnics, garden parties and dances - though I suspect they were too practical, too no-nonsense, a bunch to be showy about it.

The gentlemen are in thick wool suits, more or less formal and rich in fabric according to their station.

There are politicians and Harbour Trust and government officials, reminding all by their presence that this is Trust land and that the Trust had been a major, if not the major, contributor to the cost of the new building.

There are clerks and workingmen, invited for their contribution to the work of the Mission, and some are a little awkward and uncomfortable in their collars.

There are several clergy in sober black, led by the Archdeacon, smiling placidly now that his duties at Evensong in the Chapel are behind him.

Also around you are sailors on leave, the salt still on their skin. The working wharves are themselves only a few metres away, behind the building.

A large number of the merchant seafarers, and all of the naval personnel, would call themselves “British” - though the Mission is open to the “brave race of sailors of all

nations”, as Lady Stanley had described them when the foundation stone was laid a year before.

Their lives at sea are dangerous, and isolated, and tough; their lives are what give cause to the Mission and to this building.

The seafarers’ lives are more dangerous still at this time because the world is at war.

Many of these sailors have risked the U-Boat attack to get here, and know they will brave U-Boats again as they return to Liverpool or London, or even New York.

10,000 kilometres away, Australians are among the millions under arms and dying in the mud of Flanders and France. They left by sea, and those who survive will return by sea.

Closer to home, a bitter and divisive battle rages about conscription – a battle at least as sectarian as it is political.

For the Lord Mayor on the stage, a prominent Catholic yet knighted for his efforts in “patriotic” causes, these times are especially conflicted. The case against conscription is being led by none other than Archbishop Mannix.

Nearby, on the wharves, a coal strike in support of the case against conscription is brewing.

So as this building opens, it is at the epicentre of a storm in Melbourne’s and Australia’s history; it is, in this light, an astonishing achievement.

The building is quirky, just a little ahead of its time architecturally, and designed to address the spiritual, the social and physical needs of seafarers.

One way or another, and thanks to the efforts of so many who gave their time, it has done its job for 100 years.

Reading the newspaper articles of the times gives us some clue as to how this was achieved despite the fraught times: there is a tone of confidence, and a spirit of service without embarrassment or qualification.

We would do well to emulate such confidence and celebrate such service today.

But could the people in this room in 1917 have imagined this room now, a little worse for 100 years wear? Imagined us, the diverse, motley-garbed and relaxed crew tonight?

Could they have imagined that what we see nearby are not working wharves and warehouses, but a thriving Docklands community of high rise residences, sophisticated cafes and bars, and multicultural Melbourne?

Could they have imagined the world of 2017 in general, let alone the make-up of seafarers visiting this building now – where Filipinos, Chinese and Indians together make up more than three quarters of visitors, and UK seafarers just half of one percent?

Could they have imagined the seafarers lives now, safer surely, but arguably lonelier and able to grab a few hours only in each port, and with a typical ten months at sea, a life physically demanding still, and exacting a higher cost in mental health?

Could they have imagined that for the Mission to provide its social support, the internet and phone cards would be critical?

Could they have imagined that spiritual support would be met by not only an Anglican Chaplain, but for some, access to the Koran?

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria – its staff, its Chaplain, it volunteers, still have a job to do, but it is a different one.

And as we do it, we have our eyes firmly on the next 100 years, and that’s not a neat piece of rhetoric. We are at a very critical point again.

This building you see around you needs refurbishment.

But it is not worth all of us making the commitment of time, of our building partners in the State Government spending taxpayer funds, of our asking for donations of large sums of money from the philanthropic community, if we cannot put in place in this location a sustainable welfare service to meet the seafarers needs as they change over the next 100 years – as well as do all the other things this building is worthy of in arts, in community and in heritage.

At its heart, our vision is for a Melbourne Seafarers Centre, a location for all like providers of welfare to seafarers – a joint facility. We are happy to lead its development, but we are also happy to share and have invited like providers to join us in a completed facility, and its development if they wish.

We are especially pleased that the International Transport Federation has told us they are ready to come on board and provide support.

And in the context of this centenary, legend has it that the providers of seafarers welfare from Melbourne’s Catholic community approached the Mission to seek join it at the new building, but were rebuffed. It was 1917.

In 2017, we and the Anglican Diocese, hope to make amends.

Finally, could our throng in 1917 have imagined the art and sound we have before us?

Works which celebrate Melbourne’s port heritage, of course, but among other things: its deeper indigenous story, its female seafarers and its workers struggles. We are indeed a different world.

For all of this we are deeply grateful to all of the artists presenting and performing, to the curators of Sounding Histories Anne Wilson and Cameron Bishop and to our Deakin University partners.

Welcome to all again. Thank you. Enjoy.

Have you thanked a seafarer lately?

Take a few moments to look at your clothes.

Are you wearing any items made in Bangladesh, China, Fiji, France, UK, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Pakistan, New Zealand, USA or any other Nation except Australia?

In most instances Seafarers have made a significant contribution to the safe arrival of this clotting in Australia.

So thank a Seafarers today, because it is very likely that he or she has saved you from being...

DONATE NOW!



Woolly hats for all

You can help seafarers all over the world by joining our amazing group of knitters! Every month we receive warm woolly hats from our fabulous knitters that are then sent off to all parts of the world. Seafarers can take what they need to help see them through the long, cold days and nights spent on the open seas.

Each knitted item is a symbol of love and friendship that transcends language barriers and cultural differences. The item of clothing that you knit – the work of your hands will bring warmth, comfort and a token of your appreciation to men and women who supply us with all the things we use every day.

If you would like to become a Mission to Seafarers Knitter please send your handiwork- we can supply a pattern if you need one.



Chaplain EBENEZER JAMES *(cont'd from Page 1)*

James also came to be appointed as Honorary Chaplain to the Naval Forces in Victoria until Federation in 1900.

Contemporary news clippings and various published profiles make it clear that James also understood that in addition to enduring the physical rigors of wrangling, rigging and the demands of sailing in early steam ships, seafarers had a need not only for: spiritual comfort, consolation and sustenance but also interesting activities and entertainment. With help of talented family and friends catering to these needs helped minimise the attractions of other temptations such as drink and gambling. Both professional and amateur concerts were available twice weekly . There were also packages of picture news, magazines and journals made available to be carried by sailors on the next voyage, to share with fellow crew.

At the end of his life, with the material and moral support of both notable Melbournites and devoted volunteers Mr James by the late 1890s had an Institute free of debt and “... described by mariners around the globe as

the best in the world – a real good concern” Weekly Times Melbourne 21 September 1895.

On Wednesday 16th of November 2016 diligent research made the big breakthrough! The elusive image of Ebenezer James was discovered by Ros Fletcher, in a clipping of an article pasted on a loose page from a scrapbook, the man himself revealed. Great was our joy ! A high res Photographic portrait has now been produced and added to our Collection records.

Thanks are also due to those who assisted in the very early stages of the research namely Elisabeth Moglia, Jenny Porteous and Ian Fletcher. Jay and Ros are now looking to present a look at the life and times either for exhibition or online looking at Ebenezer James and the Captains and ship's masters who petitioned for a Central institute in our present location in the 1890s.

Much of the research has been drawn from a key 19th Century scrapbook in the collection, possibly maintained by the James

family with glued clippings, a number of these are either undated or origin unclear. Other sources have included event posters, newspapers, registers, annual reports and minute books in the MTSV Collection. Some newspapers and publications were accessed via Trove and where known some sources are listed below.

The Port Gazette
The Weekly Times (via TROVE, NLA online resource)
Annual Reports, Mission to Seamen
MTSV scrapbook Vol 1

Jay Miller, librarian then Museum worker for some 35 years, commenced part time work at MTSV in 2016. Sorting through the vast array of records and documents, from the last 150 years it was clear that although much material has been sorted and already shared in some excellent exhibition of recent years , there is much still to be done.

Join the Heritage Volunteer Crew:

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Gordon Lansley - Volunteer profile

Tell us about yourself...

Born in Glasgow Scotland in the early forties. Educated in England including 3 years at a Nautical College.

What was your main career and why did you choose that career?

My first trip to sea at 14 on Hull trawler during the summer recess confirmed my career choice. Served sea-going apprenticeship on Tankers, Tramp and liner service vessels, culminating in obtaining my Master Foreign Going Certificate at RMIT. At this time I was a Deck Officer with the Australian National Line.

I spent several decades in various Maritime positions including Harbourmaster with British Phosphate Commissioners, followed by Business Manager P&O Ports and Patrick Stevedores.

How did you get involved with MtSV?

As a teenager sea-going apprentice I visited Flying Angel premises in many ports and continents, including Melbourne in 1964 as a young 3rd. Mate. The greetings were always friendly liken to a home from home.

What is your motivation for being a part of the Flying Angel Club / MtSV?

I retired to Hobart and commenced my volunteering duties at that station. Some 4 years ago I moved to Melbourne where I have continued my volunteering. As an ex seafarer I hold an affinity for all current seafarers that I meet during my periods of bus driving and hosting at the Mission.

BIG STEAMERS

*OH, where are you going to, all you Big Steamers,
With England's own coal, up and down the salt seas?
We are going to fetch you your bread and your butter,
Your beef, pork, and mutton, eggs, apples, and cheese.*

*And where will you fetch it from, all you Big Steamers,
And where shall I write you when you are away?
We fetch it from Melbourne, Quebec, and Vancouver.
Address us at Hobart, Hong-kong, and Bombay.*

*But if anything happened to all you Big Steamers,
And suppose you were wrecked up and down the salt sea?*

*Why, you'd have no coffee or bacon for breakfast,
And you'd have no muffins or toast for your tea.*

*Then I'll pray for fine weather for all you Big Steamers
For little blue billows and breezes so soft.
Oh, billows and breezes don't bother Big Steamers:*

*We're iron below and steel-rigging aloft.
Then I'll build a new lighthouse for all you Big Steamers,
With plenty wise pilots to pilot you through.
Oh, the Channel's as bright as a ball-room already,
And pilots are thicker than pilchards at Looe.*

*Then what can I do for you, all you Big Steamers,
Oh, what can I do for your comfort and good?"
"Send out your big warships to watch your big waters,
That no one may stop us from bringing you food.*

*For the bread that you eat and the biscuits you nibble,
The sweets that you suck and the joints that you carve,
They are brought to you daily by All Us Big Steamers
And if any one hinders our coming you'll starve!*

Rudyard Kipling



Mission BBQ

With a gentle breeze blowing (and smoke from the BBQ) we welcomed several new members to the Mission Community.

Cinda Manins has joined the team as the Fundraising and Marketing manager

Rev. Yvonne Poon Joined the Board to help guide the Pastoral committee

And Leigh Paice – A NEW VOLUNTEER. Thanks Leigh we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Volunteering is a rewarding experience and our long term volunteers are there to help and guide you if you wish to join our community. Get in touch or drop in to talk to any of them about what is involved.



Ken Dusting, Sam Angelico & Michael Rossi

OFFSHORE & SPECIALIST SHIPS OF AUSTRALIA (OSSA)



Presented to coincide with the Australian Heritage Festival (18 April - 20 May, 2018), MtSV will host a free public talk and exhibition by OSSA. The talk by OSSA is part of the Heritage festival.

All welcome to attend this FREE public talk.

From 10 am on April 26th in the Celia Little Room of the Mission to Seafarers.

Specialist Ships and the Seafarers that crew them have been (and still are) a very valuable asset to Australia. They have helped in the exploration, development and management of the wealth of offshore resources around the coast of Australia.

Australia's offshore oil and gas has been a spectacular success since it started in Bass Strait over 50 years ago with Esso-BHP, Shell, Woodside and others. This gave birth to a new maritime industry that in turn provided work to a whole new generation of Seafarers.

Offshore & Specialist Ships Australia (OSSA) was formed late 2017 to preserve and publicly display and educate the history and memorabilia associated with the Offshore Oil & Gas industry and other Specialised Ships that have traded on the Australian Coast. In co-operation with the Mission to Seafarers the memorabilia and ship's models will be publicly displayed. On the 26th of April there will be speakers explaining the exhibit and what it is like to work on the ships.

The Mission welcomes all during the Australian Heritage Festival to take a self guided tour of the Early Origins of the Mission. Displays will be in place as well as an exhibition by RMIT Students. Refreshments, including tea and coffee are available at the Bar.

A gold coin donation is appreciated.



The Lady Florence showing the way



The Lady Lorna, seems like the women do the hard work!



Semi sub towing, find out about the incredible strength and tenacity these working boats have and do.

Did You Know?

Our team of four ships visitors with our chaplain visited 490 of the 2050 ships that docked in Melbourne ports in 2017, amounting to 24% of the visit-able ships.

They met with over 3,500 seafarers, chatting with them and sharing their stories. Taking the average ship's gangway of fifty steps, the team climbed equivalent of twenty Rialto buildings to achieve this.

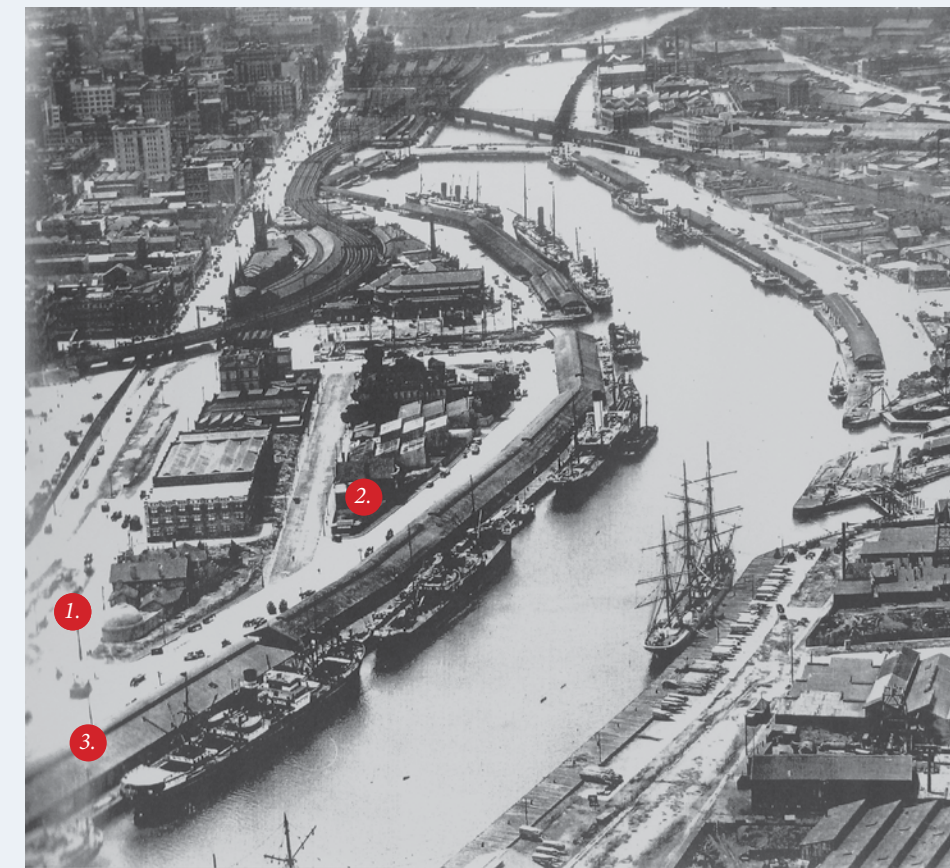
Yesterday & Tomorrow

Aerial View of Northbank Area of Melbourne Docks in 1926

The North Wharf area, previously Australia Wharf, was the site made available to the Missions to Seamen to build a premises when the bulk of shipping moved from Port Melbourne and Williamstown into the city.

The current Mission was completed in 1917 and replaced the Siddeley St Institute which was opened in 1907. Melbourne was a busy port and shown are the Sandbridge Railway Bridge and Queens Bridge at the top of the picture. Queens Wharf and North Wharf are on the left and South Wharves on the right (note Mission building lower left).

Flinders Street was the main access to the port area from the Station, which is above the bridges. Walking from the Station you go past Banana Alley (not shown), the Fish Market (now demolished with most other buildings in the area), the Custom House, the Victorian Railways Headquarters, No 2 Goods Shed (across from the current Mission) and you arrive at the Mission. Behind the Mission is No 5 North Wharf, with its crane, on the Yarra River. Of the remaining buildings in this view most are now Heritage listed.



1. The Mission Building
2. Former Mission Building
3. Goods Shed 5

North Wharf Development

Our neighbours Riverlee have revealed their plans for the new development of North Wharf. Retaining the Shed 5 for a function venue the plans include hotel and apartments. The Crane will be moved closer to Seafarers Rest which will

become a park of note for the riverside. The Mission has received permission to place a propeller from the Lady Loch in the park, and with our input into the design, it will be a place of calm and beauty, to remember our Maritime history.



The image represents the Riverlee commercial development of the neighbouring Goods Shed. Illustration image provided by Riverlee.



ILLUSIONAIRE Magic Show Melbourne

This is one magic show not to be missed!

Witness Delightful & Breathtaking Miracles Up Close.

Untraditional and compelling in their creation of original effects and mind-blowing comedy magic, this show will leave you delightfully flabbergasted.

Witness a unique blend of the creative and flawless skills of Sam Angelico, combined with the inspired charm and amazing talents of 'Rosanna'.

This show makes the impossible, seem possible.

Experience an evening of remarkable and enchanting magic by international award winning "Champion of Comedy Magic" at FISM - the highest accolade achievable by any magician globally - Sam Angelico.

Rosanna Maccarrone, is one of the very few female magicians who has performed exciting & mind blowing magic for celebrities and dignitaries globally for over 22yrs.

Together they are a powerful team that will delight and astound. Held at Melbourne's Most Dramatic & Unique Location.

"A spellbinding show that is as funny as it is shocking and glamorous"

- Herald Sun

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A dirty story

By Sam Angelico - Volunteer

"A sailor from Montenegro and a most strange and DIRTY request: In the 2 years as a volunteer at the Mission there have been many moments that have caused me to laugh out loud ...

On one Thursday evening recently during my shift as host I was faced with a most curious demand from a seafarer from Montenegro!

" I would like to take the Earth back to my ship"

" can you tell me where I find the Earth? " he asked as I stood behind the bar.

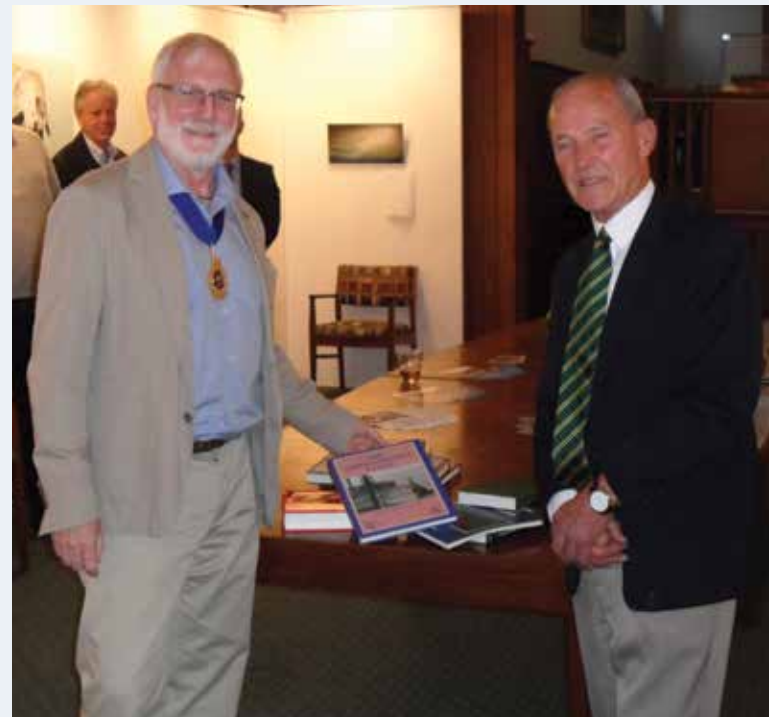
Well , I thought to myself.... is this a an extraterrestrial disguised as a seafarer from Montenegro? I inquired as to what exactly it was that he meant.

After some interesting gesticulations and very effective mime, the seafarer made it clear to me that what he wanted was some soil, yes, earth, to take back to his ship.

I accommodated the seafarer as best I could and took him out to the garden and directed him to the far corner where he could pilfer his dirt!

He came prepared with his own plastic bag. A couple of minutes later he walked back into the building with a huge smile.... And his bag of earth....

I wonder still, what is he growing on that ship?
Or is he selling vials containing tiny parts of Australia on Ebay in Montenegro!



*Capt Duke Snider, Global President of NI with
Nigel Porteous Vice Chairman MTSV*

The Intern

Heritage Volunteer Gordon MacMillan recently attended the Maritime Museums of Australian Project Support Scheme (MMA PSS) internships program 2017-2018 in Sydney.

After working very hard on the Missions application for a 'Victoria Remembers' Grant, Gordon has shown dedication to the Heritage team and is helping us plan for the future of the collection.

The Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme (MMA PSS) was established in 1995 and provides funding support to incorporated not - for-profit organisations caring for Australia's maritime heritage.

MMA PSS is jointly funded by the Australian Government and the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM) and managed by the ANMM with the support of the Ministry for the Arts. We look forward to hearing about Gordon's experiences.



Container exhibition at the ANMM in Sydney

Nautical Institute Presentation

On Sunday October 1st last year a special presentation of a set of some 30 nautical books were donated to the Mission at a small ceremony held in the Celia Little room.

The collection had been donated to the Institute of Navigation (NI) in Sydney by Capt Mike Bozier a former internationally recognised Marine Surveyor, and long time Fellow of the Institute after he "crossed the bar" in 2013 . Capt Bozier was well known and highly respected throughout the Australian and international shipping industry. He regularly gave evidence at Marine Board arbitrations, and Marine Courts, and was the author of many maritime publications.

The collection was presented by Capt Duke Snider, Global President of NI, to Nigel Porteous Vice Chairman MTSV.

Capt Roy Stanbrook, the Nautical Institute Victorian Chairman, and Jillian Carson-Jackson, the NI Global Vice President , and Branch Chairman NI, South East Australia, also represented the Nautical Institute.

Capt Ian French Melbourne Branch Master, Company Master Mariners, together with other Master Mariners, and Victorian Ports Corporation representatives also attended the event.

Vale

Former Chaplain,
The Reverend Dr Ian Nason Hunter
SSC, RFD, ADM



18/4/1944 – 6/3/2018

After studying at the University of Queensland and St Francis' College, he was ordained Deacon in Brisbane in 1968 and Priest, also in Brisbane, in 1969.

He served in Toowong (1969); Toowoomba (1969-72); Inala (1972-74); St Lucia (1974-75); Chaplain of RMIT (1976-80); Incumbent of Glenhuntly (1980-86); Chaplain to the RANR (1983); Senior Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers (Vic) (1987-89); Incumbent of Kingsville (1989-94); Stawell (1994-99); All Saints St Kilda (1999-2002 & LT 2010, LT 2011); Incumbent of Essendon (2003-9); LT Brunswick (2010); LT Aberfeldie (2011); LT Canterbury Fellowship (2012).

We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of the Reverend Ian Hunter and pray for his wife, Margaret, and his family.

CREW 717 Social Club Membership

For just \$1 per week your membership helps the Mission provide services to those who work at sea.

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Image via Clarke University

This beautiful pennant gifted from the Paynesville Maritime Museum

Sue Dight, Chief Manager accepted a Church Pennant from Rob and Jan Cook from Paynesville Maritime Museum in February as it was not in keeping with the theme of their collection. It will hang proudly in the St Peter the Mariner Chapel soon.

Do you know why it is designed like this?

A church pennant is a pennant flown to indicate that a religious service is in progress. It is flown on ships and establishments (bases).

The Church Pennant is used by the Royal Navy, other navies of the Commonwealth, and the Royal Netherlands Navy.

The broad pennant combination of the English Flag at the hoist and the Dutch National Flag in the fly. It originates from the Anglo-Dutch wars of the late 17th century, when it was used on Sundays to indicate that a service was in progress and a ceasefire existed between the warring nations.

Thanks to the Paynesville Maritime Museum who donated the pennant, as they felt it was more appropriate to our collection than theirs. Pop in if you are in the area.

Website: <http://www.pmm.org.au/>

Ashley descendants Visit Our Mission

January 2018

In the 1830s the Rev'd John Ashley LLD realised that the well-being of hundreds of sailing ship crews of the coast of Britain were neglected by the established Church and indeed usually shunned by the majority of so-called landlubbers.

Reverend Ashley's decision to reject a conventional church posting and to focus instead on building a ministry for seafarers had long term consequences a world away, inspiring the Reverend Kerr Johnson and his family to start things happening in our own hemisphere. Hobsons Bay became their mooring, with the Bethel floating church established in the 1850s aboard an old guard ship, the "Emily".

Early this year a link with the 19th Century in the form of two visitors were welcomed at 717 Flinders St. Descendants of Reverend Ashley, a Mr David Ashley and his son Nathan, walked in to our Mission building in January 2018. On a holiday visit to Melbourne by chance they spotted our distinctive Mission building and made a point of checking out what was happening at the sign of the Flying Angel.



The John Ashley mission launch on the Thames.

Ian Fletcher, volunteer and guide on duty and host Daria made them very welcome and David subsequently kept his promise to forward more family information.

Inset: The Ashley's with Ian Fletcher MtSV Board Member.

Gary Gangway's Journal.

The musings of a Ships Visitor. "We do it because we can".

Dear reader, I bring you greetings from the Seafarers who forgo the joys of a close family life to bring us our buses, cars and what we buy in \$2 shops. We do what little we can, to help them when they are in our port.

I have called this page of the journal "We do it because we can". This is the story of 81 carpet squares. Having just finished visiting one of the ships at Appleton dock, I met two seafarers waiting for our bus to take them back to the Flying Angel Club, and, as one does when ship visiting, started chatting. It transpired that they were on a mission that involved a large hardware store. Without hesitation I offered to meet them back at the club and drive them to the Port Melbourne store.

Close to 6pm, around shift change at the Flying Angel, they arrived back at the club ready to head off to the hardware store; a simple 20 minute drive. As we drove, it transpired that this was phase two of a project which started in Newcastle. I found I was in

the company of the ship's chief engineer and the other guy was the captain! The mission, was to buy carpet squares (and glue), return to the ship and proceed to recarpet the Chief Engineer's cabin. I was in the presence of expert carpet square layers; Newcastle had seen the recarpeting of the Captain's day room.

A feeling of foreboding came on me as, having made a wrong turning, I ended up taking my charges on an extended scenic route in order to reach the store. Bidding them success, I settled down with my cryptic crossword as they disappeared into the cavernous structure. Twenty minutes of the expected ten minutes in and out passed. Hesitatingly I ventured in their wake heading for the carpet square department. Nothing. No one. A sinking feeling surfaced. Then, from a distant corner my two passengers appeared brandishing a printout with instructions on how to drive the 24 km to the Mentone store; our store did not have stock of the particular squares they wanted.

As I said at the start, "Ship visitors do it because we can." So, once again we sallied forth, buoyed with expectation of

success at the Mentone store. I started along the route suggested by the store assistant's computer until I realised that that was pure peak hour folly and took the direct route arriving 40 minutes later in their carpark. With the last minutes of battery left in my phone I called my wife to advise of a somewhat later than usual arrival home.

The carpet squares were quickly trolleyed up and we were on our way to checkout. We made but one mistake when we put the odd square that was lying loose in the top box. Of course, that was the box that had to be counted to ensure there were 20 squares in each box. The return journey and drop off at the berth were uneventful, my seafaring carpet layers were in high spirits. I was happy that I had been able to do something for them, "because I could".

I look forward to being invited on board to admire their handiwork when they return to Melbourne.

Tony Correll, Ship Visitor

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Please contact Sue Dight to find out more about leaving a tax deductible gift to The Mission to Seafarers Victoria in your will by emailing: sue.dight@missiontoseafarers.com.au

Our work is valuable to the seafarers away from their homes: Please continue to Support our Mission - We THANK YOU!



Visitors from Hamburg, Germany Mission to Seafarers dropped into the Mission on a cold Melbourne day recently. We were delighted to sit down with them and discuss operations and adventures. See you next time ...

The Mission is actively seeking volunteers to take up a number of roles and one off jobs to help us keep the Mission a vibrant and happy place to welcome seafarers. There are no age restrictions!

Piracy in 2017



A total of 180 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships were reported to the International Chamber of Commerce's (ICC) International Maritime Bureau (IMB) in 2017, according to the latest IMB report.

In 2017, 136 vessels were boarded, while there were 22 attempted attacks, 16 vessels fired upon and six vessels hijacked.

In 15 separate incidents, 91 crewmembers were taken hostage and 75 were kidnapped from their vessels in 13 other incidents. Three crewmembers were killed in 2017 and six injured.

In the Philippines, the number of reported incidents has more than doubled, from 10 in 2016 to 22 in 2017. According to the report, the majority of these incidents were low-level attacks on anchored vessels, mainly at the ports of Manila and Batangas.

from the World Maritime News

Piracy declines, but threat remains.

Somali pirates continue to attack as IMB reports a decline in global incidents in the first half of 2017.

There have been a continuing decline in the number of incidents of maritime piracy and armed robbery against ships, according to the ICC international Maritime Bureau (IMB). According to its latest piracy report, published in July, the first half of 2017 saw a total of 87 incidents reported to the IMB Piracy Reporting Centre compared to 97 for the same period of the previous year. Nevertheless, over the first six months of the year, two seafarers were murdered by pirates, three were injured, 63 were taken hostage and 41 were kidnapped from their vessels.

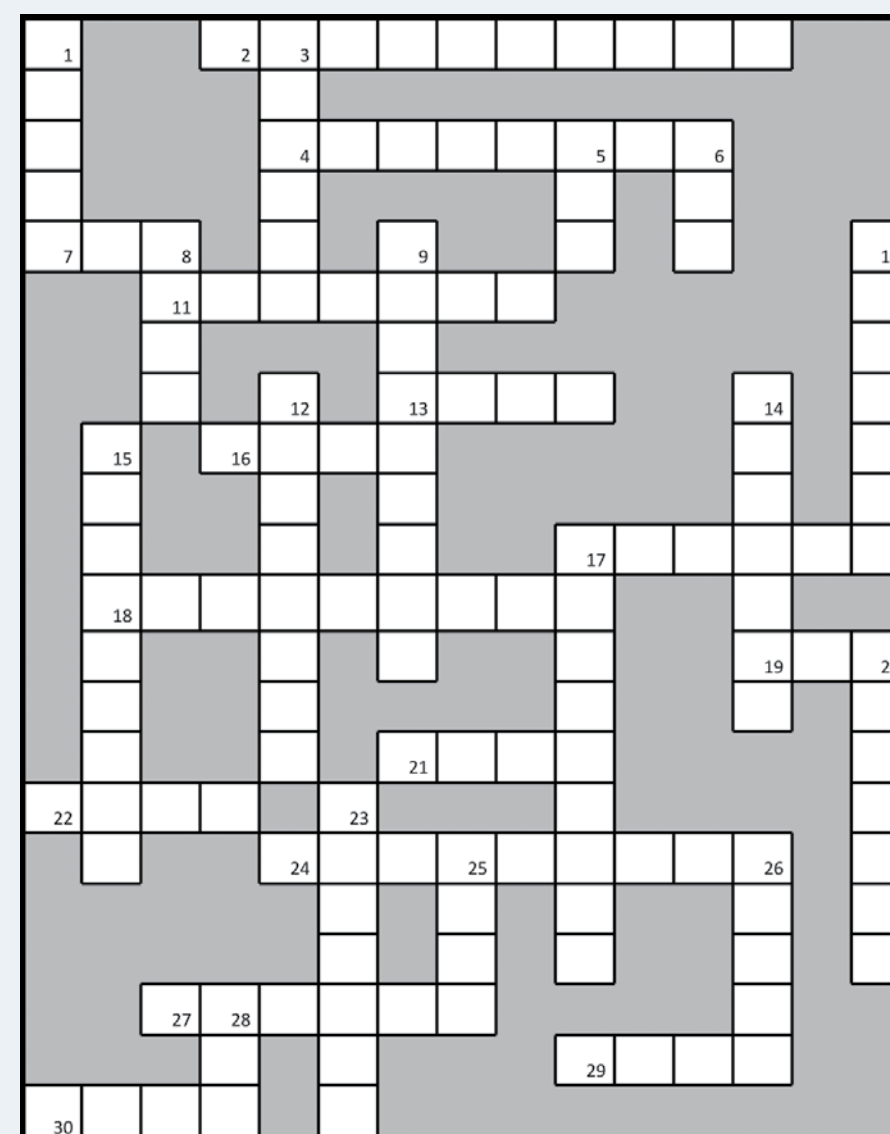
Pirates in Nigeria continued to dominate, when it comes to reports of kidnappings. So far this year they have been responsible for the abduction of 31 crew in five reported incidents. The numbers include 14 crew members taken from two separate vessels in the

second quarter of the year. Violence against crews continued, with half of all reports of vessels being fired upon coming from Nigeria.

The anti-piracy body has also stressed that Somali pirates remain a threat to merchant ships. It says that the hijacking of an Indian dhow in early April was one of five incidents off Somalia reported in the second quarter of 2017. Added to a further three reports of vessels coming under fire and a bulk carrier being boarded by pirates in the Gulf of Aden, the incident reveals that Somali pirates still retain the skills and capacity to attack merchant ships far from coastal waters. The piracy report urges ship masters to high levels of vigilance when transiting the high-risk area and to adhere to the latest version of Best Management Practices.

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Never a Crossword spoken



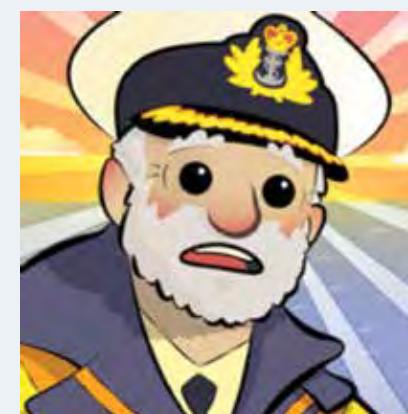
Clues Across

2. Which St. Peter is the Chapel named after?
4. Another word for Minister
7. Where the Seafarers spend their months away?
11. A safe haven for ships
13. Ropes tied together
16. Rung to keep the watch
17. Where the weddings are held
18. A Mission building Feature
19. Distress signal
21. A Captain's right hand
22. What month is Sea Sunday?
24. A relaxing ball game
27. On the Flag, what type of Angel?
29. What are woolly hats made from?
30. Flying from the turret

Down

1. The Mission buses are to pick up the...
3. Keeping a ship at rest
5. "Yes" - ship's language
6. "No" - ship's language
8. A Sailors greeting
9. What suburb is the Mission in?
10. Original Mission hulk
12. A good position for a Lighthouse
14. The inlay in the foyer
15. The dome's original purpose
17. What milestone was celebrated in 2017?
20. The architectural style of the building
23. Climbing the ropes or ...
25. The fundraisers for the Mission (Acronym)
26. The shape of the pulpit
28. To haul

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As we move forward with plans to renovate the building to become an even better place, consider how you can play your part in the Mission to Seafarers future.

Thank you for your support of Seafarers Welfare and please contact us to discuss our plans and how you can be a part of them.

Sue Dight
Chief Manager.



Dates for diaries 2018:

April 18 - May 20	Australian Heritage Festival
April 26	OSSA Talk and Exhibition
May 1-11	Art, Labour & Working Life Exhibition (RMIT)
May 22	Annual General Meeting 11am
June 1	Call For Entries - ANL Maritime Art Awards
June 28	International Day of the Seafarer
July 8	Sea Sunday
July 28-29	Open House Melbourne
September 3	Merchant Navy Day
September 11	Centenary Celebrations conclude
October 4	Opening Night- ANL Maritime Art Awards & Exhibition

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